

Remarks/Arguments

The specification has been amended to indicate that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Application PCT/CA03/01624 filed October 24, 2003.

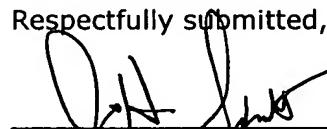
The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to introduce conventional claim language.

It is submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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